

Head Start hosts Week of the Young Child events

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The Seminole Nation Head Start program held their annual Week of the Young Child celebration April 15-19, 2013. The theme for this year's festivities was "Early Years Are Learning Years."

The Week of the Young Child focuses public attention on the needs of young children and their families. The event aims to recognize early childhood programs and the services that meet those needs.

The week was full of events, with children and parents starting off the week with Donuts for Dads Day. Fathers also took their children fishing. On Muffins for Moms Day, mothers went to the Head Start Center and participated in activities with their children.

Little Olympics took place on Thursday, April 18 at the Mekusukey Mission Gymnasium, where children participated in tricycle races, hurdles, 50 yard dashes, bean bag throws, sack races and egg relays.

"I thought the Little Olympics was great," said Juanita Alsip, mother of 4 year old participant Caden Alsip. "I think it was good for the children to do these events and be involved with teamwork."

When the children's events for the Little Olympics were over, parents and staff competed against each other in the egg relay.

"I loved it because it shows the children that when you get older you can still compete and have fun," said Joshua Alsip, Caden's father. "It's a chance for us to laugh at them and a chance for them to laugh at us."

The second annual Trike-A-Thon took place on Friday, April 19, 2013 at the Mekusukey Mission Gymnasium. The Trike-A-Thon raises money for St. Jude's Hospital for cancer research. It also teaches children important facts about tricycle and bicycle safety.

"It's a great event, and we are happy to be a part of it," said Corky Snodgrass, Head Start Family and Community Partnerships Manager.

The event was combined with a family fun day, which featured inflatables, rock painting and other events for the children.

"Today is just a fun day to wrap the Week of the Young Child up on a good note," said Snodgrass.



Joe Clay, Seminole Nation Communications

Students participate in sack races at the Mekusukey Mission Gym during the Seminole Nation Head Start's Week of the Young Child, held April 15-19, 2013.

Voters to decide fate of three proposed changes to Constitution during election

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The Seminole Nation of Oklahoma will be holding a tribal election on Saturday, July 13, 2013 for the offices of principal chief and assistant chief, and the appointment of representatives to the Seminole Nation General Council.

Candidates seeking one of these positions must file their paperwork with the Seminole Nation Election Board Office, located on the north side of the Mekusukey Mission North Community Center, between Monday, May 20, 2013 and Friday, May 24, 2013. Election Board office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

All tribal members are encouraged to participate in the election. To meet voter eligibility requirements, tribal members must be at least 18 years of age and registered to vote. New voter registration and update forms, as well as absentee ballot requests are available at the Election Board Office. These forms can also be downloaded from the tribal website at www.sno-nsn.gov.

Voter registration and update

forms are also available in the Tribal Enrollment Office at the Tribal Complex in Wewoka. To contact the Tribal Enrollment Office, call (405) 257-7244.

All new voter registrations, update forms and requests for absentee ballots must be returned to the Election Board Office by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2013.

Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 13, 2013 and close at 7:00 p.m.

A tribal enrollment card or proper photo identification form is required to vote.

Voting precincts include the Sasakwa Community Center; Strother Community Center; North Community Center, located at Mekusukey Mission; Glorietta Baptist Church, located at 7308 S. Western Avenue in Oklahoma City; and Haikey Chapel, located at 8815 E. 101st Street in Tulsa.

In addition to casting votes for principal chief, assistant chief and council representatives, registered voters will also have the opportunity to vote in a Special Referendum election concerning three proposed changes to the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

Constitution: Article IV, Section 1, General Council; Article XVI, Section 2, Courts; and Article V, Powers of the General Council.

Details of these changes are expressed in the tribal resolutions below.

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Article X of the Constitution of the Seminole Nation and pursuant to Title 10 of the Code of Laws of the Seminole Nation, the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma will conduct a Special Constitutional Referendum Election on July 13, 2013.

Precinct locations are:

Sasakwa Community Building (Sasakwa)

Strother Community Building (Strother)

North Community Building (Mekusukey Mission)

Glorietta Baptist Church (7308 S. Western Avenue, Oklahoma City)

Haikey Chapel (8815 E. 101st, Tulsa)

Polls will open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m. A Tribal enrollment card or a proper form of photo identification must be presented at time of voting.

SEMINOLE-NATION OF OKLAHOMA TR 2013-50

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING A BALLOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY ELECTION AS A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO AMEND THE SEMINOLE NATION CONSTITUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE IV, SECTION ONE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEMINOLE NATION COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, Article V of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Seminole Nation General Council to have the power to speak or act on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 1 of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Principal Chief to call special referendum election for the purpose of amending the Seminole Nation Constitution, and it is the desire of the Principal Chief that a special constitutional referendum be included in the July 13, 2013 election; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 2 of the Seminole Nation Constitution see [election](#) on [page 2](#)



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authorizes the Seminole Nation General , Council to adopt my majority vote a resolution establishing the time and place of any election to adopt or: reject any proposed amendment to the Seminole Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation General Council directs the Seminole Nation Election Board to issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose, of amending Article IV, General Council, Section 1 and to issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013 election; and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation Revision Committee suggests the following ballot language in_order.. to amend the Seminole Nation Constitution Article IV, General Council, Section 1 as follows with bold, underlined language as new language to be added and strikethrough words for existing language to be removed in the following ballot language.

The legislative body of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall be known as the General Council and shall consist of two (2) band representatives elected from each of the following fourteen. (14) Seminole bands: Tusekia Harjo; Tallahassee; Mekusukey; Thomas Palmer; Fushutche; Rewalke; Ceyvha; Eufaula; ~~Hvteyievike~~ Hvteyievike; Hecete; Nurcup Harjo; Ocese; Dosar Barkus; and ~~Caesar~~ Bruner Band. There must be at least ten (10) members of a band to constitute band status. A band with less than ten (10) members will have no voice in the Council. Within 90 days from the approval date of this amendment, each band shall submit to the General Council written by-laws which shall describe how the band is governed. A band which has not submitted written by-laws shall have no voice in the Council. (As amended, February 25, 1989.)

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby approves and directs (1) that the Seminole Nation Election Board issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose of establishing limited taxation within the Seminole Nation and to issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013 election; and (2) that the ballot shall amend the Seminole Nation Constitution amending Article IV, Genera1 Council, Section 1 as follows;

The legislative body of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall be known as the General Council and shall consist of two (2) band representatives elected from each of the following fourteen (14) Seminole bands: Tusekia Harjo; Tallahassee; Mekusukey; Thomas Palmer; Fushutche; Rewalke; Ceyvha; Eufaula; ~~Hvteyievike~~ Hvteyievike; Hecete; Nurcup Harjo; Ocese; Dosar Backus;. and ~~Caesar~~ Bruner Band. There must be at least ten (10) members of a band to. constitute band status. A band with less than ten (10) members will have no voice in the Council. Within 90 days from the approval date of this amendment, each band, shall submit to; the General Council written by-laws which shall describe how the band is governed. A band which has not submitted written by-laws shall have no voice in the Council. (As amended, February 25, 1989.)

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED by the General Council of the Seminole. Nation of Oklahoma this 2nd day of March 2013; at Mekusukey Mission, South_ of Seminole. Oklahoma, by a vote of 14 Yes, 14 No, and 0 Abstaining, a quorum of Fifteen (15) Council members being present. Tie vote was decided by a Yes vote by the Chairperson; making the final vote count: 15 Yes, 14 No, 0 Abstaining,

S/Leonard M. Harjo
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

S/Alvina Wallace
Alvina Wallace, General Council Secretary
General Council, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma
SEAL

QUESTION #1
General Council

Question: SHALL ARTICLE IV, SECTION 1, GENERAL COUNCIL, OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS WITH BOLD, UNDERLINED

LANGUAGE AS NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED AND STRIKETHROUGH WORDS FOR EXISTING LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED IN THE FOLLOWING BALLOT LANGUAGE:

Amended Article:

ARTICLE IV - GENERAL COUNCIL

The legislative body of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall consist of two (2) band representatives elected from each of the following fourteen (14) Seminole bands: Tusekia Harjo; Tallahassee; Mekusukey; Thomas Palmer; Fushutche; Rewalke; Ceyvha; Eufaula; ~~Hvteyievike~~ Hvteyievike; Hecete; Nurcup Harjo; Ocese; Dosar Barkus; and ~~Caesar~~ Bruner Band. There must be at least ten (10) members of a band to constitute band status. A band with less than ten (10) members will have no voice in the Council. Within 90 days from the approval date of this amendment, each band shall submit to the General Council written by-laws which shall describe how the band is governed. A band which has not. submitted written by-laws shall have no voice in the Council. (As amended, February 25, 1989.)

SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA
TR 2013-51
(as amended)

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING A BALLOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY ELECTION AS A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO AMEND THE SEMINOLE NATION CONSTITUTION TO AMEND ARTICLE XVI, SECTION TWO BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEMINOLE NATION COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, Article V of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Seminole Nation General Council to have the power to speak or act on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 1 of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Principal Chief to call a special referendum election for the purpose of amending the Seminole Nation Constitution, and it Is the desire of the Principal Chief that a special constitutional referendum be included in the July 13, 2013 electIon: and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section ,2 of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Seminole Nation General Council to adopt my majority vote a resolution establishing, the time and place of any election to adopt or reject any proposed amendment to the Seminole Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation General Council directs the Seminole ,Nation Election Board to. issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose, of amending Article XVI, Courts, Section 2 and to issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013. election; _and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation Revision Committee suggests the following ballot language in order to amend the Seminole Nation Constitution Article XVI, Courts, Section 2 as follows with bold, underlined language as new language to be added and strikethrough words for existing language to be removed, in the following ballot language:

The jurisdiction exercised by the Courts of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall be limited to (a) matters arising on trust or restricted land within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, (b) All matters other than Criminal, civil-matters, whether or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries, arising between members of the Nation or involving nonmembers ~~who voluntarily submit themselves to the civil jurisdiction of the Nation's courts,~~ provided that at least one party is Seminole, and (c) matters over which the Nation may exercise jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et seq., or other federal law whether or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries; and (d) any other matter where jurisdiction is authorized by any federal, state, law, regulation or constitution.

The original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall extend to a general superintending and. administrative control over all inferior courts and all Agencies, Commissions and Boards created by law. The Supreme Court and District Court shall have power to issue, hear and determine writs of habeas corpus, mandamus, quo warranto, certiorari prohibition and such other remedial writs as may be provided by law and may exercise such other and further jurisdiction as may be conferred by statute. The appellate and the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall be invoked in the manner provided by law. The decision of the Supreme Court

shall be in writing and shall be final.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby approves and directs (1) that the Seminole Nation Election Board issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose of establishing limited taxation within the Seminole Nation and to issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013 election; and (2) that the ballot shall amend the Seminole Nation Constitution amending Article XVI, Courts, Section 2 as follows:

The jurisdiction exercised by the Courts of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall be limited to (a) matters arising on trust or restricted land within the. jurisdictional boundaries of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, (b) All matters other than Criminal, civil-matters, whether, or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries, arising between members of the Nation or involving nonmembers ~~who voluntarily submit themselves to the civil jurisdiction of the Nation's courts,~~ provided that at least one party is Seminole, and (c) matters over which the Nation may exercise jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et seq., or other federal law whether or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries; and (d) any other matter where jurisdiction is authorized by any federal law or regulation.

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CERTIFICATION

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S/Leonard M. Harjo
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

S/Alvina Wallace
Alvina Wallace, General Council Secretary
General Council, Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

QUESTION #2
Courts

Question: SHALL THE CONSTITUION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA BE AMENDED IN ARTICLE XVI, COURTS, SECTION 2, AS FOLLOWS WITH BOLD, UNDERLINED LANGUAGE AS NEW LANGUAGE TO BE ADDED AND STRIKETHROUGH WORDS FOR EXISTING LANGUAGE TO BE REMOVED IN THE FOLLOWING BALLOT LANGUAGE:

Amended Article:

ARTICLE XVI — COURTS

Section 2. The jurisdiction exercised by the Courts of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma shall be limited to (a) matters arising on trust or restricted land within the jurisdictional boundaries of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma (b) All matters other than Criminal, civil-matters, whether or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries, arising between members of the Nation or involving nonmembers ~~who voluntarily submit themselves to the civil jurisdiction of the Nation's courts,~~ provided that at least one party is Seminole, and (c) matters over which the Nation may exercise jurisdiction pursuant to 25 U.S.C. § 1901, et seq., or other federal law whether or not arising on trust or restricted land within said jurisdictional boundaries; and (d) any other matter where jurisdiction is authorized by any federal, state, law, regulation or constitution.

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General Council Meeting
April 27, 2013

Seating of Representatives

- **Bruner Band**
Anthony Conley
LeEtta Sampson

Unfinished Business

- **Tribal Ordinance 2013-03**
A tribal ordinance of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma amending Title 15, the Seminole Nation Public Gaming Act of 2011.
sponsored by Ralph Coker
Remains Tabled

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-53**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma directing the disestablishment of the Constitution Revision Committee.
sponsored by Kelly Tiger, Jr.
Failed 7-17-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: no	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: abst, abst	Dosar Barkus: no, no

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-56**
A verbal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma directing the Constitution Revision Committee to serve without meeting stipends.
sponsored by Abraham Farani
Tabled 14-10-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: no
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: no	Hvteyievlke: no, no
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: no, no	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

Reports of Programs

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Social Services Department
Job Placement & Training
Wildlife, Parks & Recreation
CDIB / Tribal Enrollment
Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program
Community Health Representatives
Tribal Roads
Tribal Employment Rights Office
Historic Preservation Office
Judgment Fund Office
Public Transit System
Food Distribution Program
Seminole Etlwlv
Program Development
Fiscal Services

New Business

- **Tribal Ordinance 2013-04**
A tribal ordinance of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma repealing Chapters 5 and 7 of Title 14 of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws; and replacing Chapter 7 of Title 14 to re-establish and amend the Comprehensive Budget Act.
sponsored by Dwayne Miller, Rhonda Fixico, Thomas Yabola and Sheila Harjo
Tabled 14-10-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: abst, abst
Hecete: no, no	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: no, no	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes



- **Tribal Ordinance 2013-05**
A tribal ordinance of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma amending the Election Ordinance, Title 10 of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws increasing candidate filing fees.
sponsored by Karen Fullbright
Failed 6-18-2

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: no
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: no	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: abst, abst	Tallahassee: no, no
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-67**
A tribal ordinance of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma requiring a balanced budget for the Seminole Nation Judgment Fund Special Programs for the next five years, beginning FY 2014.
sponsored by Thomas Yabola, Ida Gonzales, Rosanna Jones and Abraham Farani
Withdrawn by sponsor

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-57**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing the settlement agreement for claims brought before the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Oklahoma and the United States Court of Federal Claims and attesting to the balances of the trust funds held by the United States as required by the settlement agreement.
sponsored by Kelly Tiger, Jr., Dwayne Miller, Sheila Harjo, Jerilyn Fixico and Thomas Yabola
Passed 24-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-58**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma appointing Kent Dowell to the Seminole Nation Roads Committee.
sponsored by Timothy Hooper
Passed 16-10-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-59**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a modification to the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Division of Commerce budget.
sponsored by Jeff Harjo
Passed 14-12-0

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: no, no	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-60**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2012 Seminole Nation Johnson O'Malley Early Childhood Program budget.
sponsored by Jerilyn Fixico
Passed 24-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-61**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Johnson O'Malley Early Childhood Program budget.
sponsored by Jerilyn Fixico
Passed 24-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-62**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a second modification to the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Aid to Tribal Government (ATG) budget.
sponsored by Jeff Harjo
Passed 24-0-2

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-63**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation

of Oklahoma approving a modification to the FY 2012 Seminole Nation ANA Nakkerretv Ohhayetv Curriculum Development budget.

- sponsored by Jerilyn Fixico*
Passed 22-4-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: yes, yes	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, no

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-64**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a modification to the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Social Services Program budget.
sponsored by Jeff Harjo
Failed 3-19-4

Mekusukey: no, no	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: no, no
Tusekia Harjo: no	Hvteyievlke: no, no
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: no, no
Hecete: no, no	Tallahassee: abst, abst
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: no, no	Dosar Barkus: abst, abst

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-65**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma approving a second modification to the FY 2013 Seminole Nation Gaming Agency budget.
sponsored by Jeff Harjo
Tabled 22-4-0

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: no, no	Ceyvha: yes, yes
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: yes, yes

- **Tribal Resolution 2013-66**
A tribal resolution of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma authorizing the Principal Chief to negotiate a tobacco compact with the State of Oklahoma; authorizes an extension of current tobacco compact; authorizes invoking most favored Nation clause; and authorizes arbitration.
sponsored by Thomas Yabola
Passed 20-5-1

Mekusukey: yes, yes	Fushutche: yes
Eufaula: no, no	Rewalke: yes, yes
Tusekia Harjo: yes	Hvteyievlke: yes, yes
Nurcup Harjo: yes, yes	Tom Palmer: yes, yes
Hecete: yes, yes	Tallahassee: yes, yes
Ocese: yes, yes	Ceyvha: no, no
Bruner: yes, yes	Dosar Barkus: no, abst

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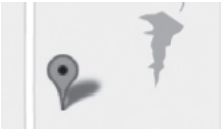
Birthdays

- May 1 Bill Foster
- May 2 Ray Douglas
- May 3 Rena Tiger
- May 3 Julie Anderson
- May 4 Virgil Tilley, Jr.
- May 4 Deanie Anderson
- May 4 Carmelita Palmer
- May 4 Steven Barnett
- May 4 Cale Natsaway
- May 5 Savannah Fixico
- May 6 Benny Fish
- May 7 Tracy Leninger
- May 8 Jimmy Deatherage
- May 8 Jason Ryan Dean
- May 9 Mablene Harjo
- May 10 Winey Harjo
- May 10 Debra Osage
- May 11 Bryce Deatherage
- May 11 Donna Bowers
- May 12 Dickie Deatherage
- May 13 Stephanie Neely
- May 13 Richard Lusty
- May 13 Elizabeth Anderson
- May 14 Retta Brennan
- May 14 Terri Stone
- May 15 Oscar W. Cellars
- May 16 Gwen Rice
- May 16 Michael Star
- May 18 Danelle Johnson
- May 18 Renee Billie
- May 18 Joyce Billie
- May 19 Keith Dinwiddie
- May 19 Shirley Chambers
- May 20 Amy Cosar
- May 20 Chantel Moses
- May 23 Shawna Bishop George
- May 23 Laquita Fish
- May 23 Perla Aldirhalli
- May 24 Dakota Little
- May 24 Rylan Mack
- May 25 Wynema Peterson
- May 25 Aliveza Mayahit
- May 25 Grady Jax
- May 26 Ashlee Welch
- May 27 Dallas Little
- May 27 Cheyenne Harjo
- May 27 Cedric Noriega
- May 28 Nichols Fixico
- May 28 Effie DeWitt
- May 28 Loretta Votaw
- May 29 James Palmer
- May 31 Aaron Del Harjo
- May 31 Vernon Harjo



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Mavrik West Tebe
May 11
Love: Family



Aricon Harjo
May 12
Love: Daddy



Sharon Burgess
May 12
From: Seminole Nation Staff



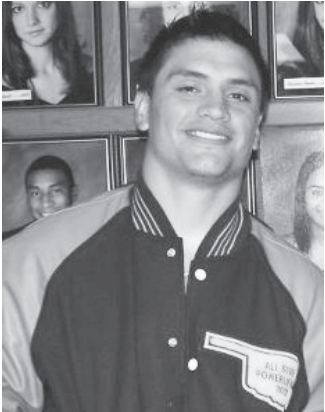
Assistant Chief Ella Colman
May 16
From: Seminole Nation Staff



Laila + Amayah
April 12 + May 5
Love: Mommy and Daddy



Troyce Marshall
May 19
Love: Mom + Auntie



Tre Harjo
May 20
Love: Mom + Aunt Mary Ann



Sam Johnson
May 28
Love: Denea



Ashlee Hailey
May 29
From: Seminole Nation Staff

Workshops

Free SSC conservation workshop, lunch to be held for farmers, tribal members, ranchers and women in agriculture

SEMINOLE, Okla. - The Natural Resources Conservation Service, (NRCS), the Oklahoma Tribal Conservation Advisory Council (OTCAC), Pottawatomie and Seminole County Conservation Districts and conservation partners would like to invite you to join us for lunch and receive valuable information regarding USDA programs and conservation training on soil health and water sources for livestock during a workshop being held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013.

The workshop will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude at 2:30 p.m. Registration for the event will begin at 9:30 a.m.

The workshop and lunch will be held on the Seminole State College campus, in the Foundation Hall, located in the Haney Center at 2701 Boren Boulevard, in Seminole, Oklahoma.

An agenda has been developed to provide you with valuable information regarding water sources for livestock and soil health, with a rainfall simulator demonstration and funding opportunities through USDA programs.

The NRCS workshop for *Water Sources for Livestock* will cover

the following topics: why drill a water well, how much water will the well need to produce, can a solar pump meet the needs based on well depth, how will the water be distributed and how many animals will it supply water?

Representatives from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Service Agency, Rural Development, Risk Management, National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS) and the Pottawatomie and Seminole County Conservation Districts will be available to answer your questions and provide you with any information needed to sign up for desired programs. There is no registration fee to attend. However, RSVP is requested as lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in attending this workshop, please RSVP by noon on Thursday, May 16, 2013 to the NRCS Wewoka Field Office at 405-257-2755 ext. 3. You may also email carol.crouch@ok.usda.gov or shawn.fleming@ok.usda.gov.

Please plan to join us for lunch and a very informative conservation workshop.

Public Notice

The Seminole Nation Child Development program announces its participation in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP). All participants in attendance are served meals, at no extra charge to the parents. In accordance with federal law and United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, participating institutions are prohibited from discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability.

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Anniversary

Steve and Debra (Emarthla) Harjo plan to celebrate 35 years of marriage on Monday, May 13, 2013.

They were married in Seminole, Okla. at the home of Terry Little (groom's uncle) and Ida Mae Little on May 13, 1978.

Steve is the son of the late Isaac Harjo and Juanita Wise.

Debra is the daughter of the late Alex Emarthla and Lois Emarthla.

Together, Steve and Debra have three children and five grandchildren: Regena Overbey and spouse Timothy Overbey; Calvin P. Harjo and daughter Taysia Sky of Fort Hall, Idaho; Neal and Courtney Harjo of Seminole; and Teddybear.

The couple's children plan to give them an all-expense-paid trip to Albuquerque and Santa Fe, N.M.



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Joe Clay, Seminole Nation Communications

Seminole Nation Bar Association Lawyers (l-r) Joseph Williams and Jeremy Aliason converse during the Tribal Court’s “Ask a Lawyer” event held Thursday, May 2, 2013 at the Mekusukey Mission North Community Center.

Why Separation of Powers?

Roger Wiley
Supreme Court Judge
Seminole Nation Tribal Court System

The Seminole Constitution gives separate governmental powers to three distinct branches of the Seminole tribal government: the General Council, the Chief, and the tribal court. But why? Couldn’t the tribe place all of its governmental authority in just one branch of government?

The short answer is yes, but there are compelling reasons why governmental powers are best left separated, and why the drafters of the Seminole Constitution thought the idea of separation of powers was important.

The concept of separating power between different branches of a government is rooted in antiquity. The Greek philosopher Aristotle studied various governmental structures and discussed them in his work, “Politics.” After conducting his research, Aristotle grouped all governments into three separate categories based on the composition of their leadership. He explained that there are governments of one leader (a king or monarch), governments of a few leaders (a wealthy group of aristocrats), and governments where all citizens equally shared leadership (a democracy). Aristotle believed that each of these three types of governments were effective so long as their leaders ruled for the benefit of the entire society they governed. Even a king in a monarchy or a group of aristocrats could rule fairly if they did not abuse their power to pursue their own selfish interests.

Not surprisingly, Aristotle noticed that each of these governmental structures sometimes became ineffective governments that served to pursue the personal interests of its respective leaders. Monarchical kings became tyrannical and oppressive, groups of aristocrats succumbed to corruption, and democracies were ruined by mob rule, where the unstable passions of the mob prevented anyone from governing

effectively.

In order to avoid these problems, Aristotle proposed to combine the three different types of governments into a single government that separated power between the three separate forms of leadership. This government would share power among monarchical, aristocratic, and democratic leaders. Aristotle theorized that since the leaders of each arm of government were forced to share their power, they would be unable to use their limited power for their own self-interested goals.

Aristotle’s discussion of separation of powers provided a foundation for the French political philosopher, Montesquieu, to further develop the concept, albeit with a few important modifications. Montesquieu proposed separating a government by which powers were given to each branch rather than by which groups were allowed to lead each branch.

His ideal government would be split into three branches: the legislative, the executive, and the judicial. The legislative branch would be given the power to create laws, the executive branch would have the power to enforce the laws, and the judicial branch would have the power to interpret the laws and determine how they should be applied.

The separation is like rock-paper-scissors. Each branch has certain powers over the other branches, but also has weaknesses under others. Because no branch of government has all power, no branch can rule the others.

Like Aristotle, Montesquieu also believed strongly that no single group should be given all of a government’s power. To avoid problems of corruption, each branch would be led by different people. Montesquieu was particularly opposed to allowing governments to unite legislative and executive branches into a single branch of government. He feared that if the same people who make rules are also able to enforce

them, they could abuse their power and act as tyrants.

Additionally, he worried that if judges were able to write laws, they could interpret the laws arbitrarily and unfairly to serve their own selfish interests.

Montesquieu’s political philosophy has been highly influential on modern nations around the world, and his ideas have been included in numerous constitutions, including the Seminole Constitution.

The Seminole Constitution reflects many aspects of Montesquieu’s political philosophy, as it separates power between a General Council, a Chief, and a tribal court, and gives specific governmental powers to each branch.

The General Council acts as the legislature, the Chief acts as the executive branch, and the tribal court acts as the judiciary.

The constitution specifically requires that different people lead each branch. For example, the portion of the Seminole Constitution that discusses the judicial branch (Article XVI) prevents Supreme Court Justices and District Court Judges from serving as the Chief or a member of the General Council. Additionally, the Chief is prohibited from voting as a member of the General Council except in the rare case of a tie.

All of these provisions are necessary to prevent a single branch of the Seminole Government from gaining too much power.

The people of the Seminole Nation have an equally important role to play in the operation of their government. I strongly encourage all Seminole Nation citizens to read and become familiar with their constitution. It can be found on the internet at the following address: <http://sno-nsn.gov/government/constitution>.

The Seminole Constitution is an important legal document that outlines the agreement that has been made among the people of the Seminole Nation and their government. An informed citizenry is a powerful one.

Tribal Court Filings April 2013

Civil

Carlotta Rich v. Kyle Corona	Custody
Jeff Powell v. Becky Fields	Custody
Erica Tiger v. Alexander Yargee	Custody
Kristie King v. Tom Williams	Custody
Regina Bear v. Marcos Perez & Crystal Johnson	Visitation

Divorce

Samantha Dixon v. William Dixon	Dissolution of Marriage
Jolene Vasquez v. Carlos Vasquez	Dissolution of Marriage
Kimberly Lasater v. James Lasater, III	Dissolution of Marriage
Meagan Johnson v. Chastin Johnson	Dissolution of Marriage

Child Support

None filed during this period

Protective Orders

Two protection orders filed during this period

Small Claims

None filed during this period

Juvenile

Two guardianships involving minor children filed

Criminal

Seminole Nation v. Rainey Fixico	Violation of Protective Order
	Criminal Trespass
Seminole Nation v. Matthew Hulbutta	Disorderly Conduct

There were four tribal court sessions held in April involving the following case types:
Criminal Dockets - 7
Civil Dockets - 18
Domestic Violence Dockets - 1
Child Support Dockets - 22
Juvenile Dockets - 16
64 total cases heard in April 2013

[Notice] Pursuant to Title 5A, Chapter 8, Section 803 of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma Code of Laws, the *Cokv Tvlvme* is obligated to publish court filings and legal notices.

Probation Department

Probation Statistics - April 2013

Currently there are 9 defendants on probation, 8 of which are members of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma. One is enrolled with the Comanche Nation.
Out of the 9, one (1) is expected to complete the program in June. One (1) is currently in a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center.

[Males]

Three (3) males are serving twelve (12) months of supervised probation sentence for disorderly conduct.
Two (2) males are serving twelve (12) months of supervised probation sentence for public intoxication, having an intoxicating beverage in public and disorderly conduct.
One (1) male is serving twelve (12) months of supervised probation sentence for embezzlement.

[Females]

Two (2) females are serving twelve (12) months of supervised probation sentence for embezzlement.
One (1) female is serving twelve (12) months of supervised probation sentence for disorderly conduct.

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Hulbutta awarded 2013 Udall Foundation Native American Congressional Internship

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MariKate Hulbutta was one of 12 students selected for a 2013 Native American Congressional Internship.

The Udall Foundation, an independent federal agency established by Congress in 1992 to provide federally funded scholarships for American Indian students pursuing tribal public policy or healthcare careers, awards approximately 12 internships each summer on the basis of merit to American Indians and Alaska Natives who are college juniors or seniors, recent graduates from tribal or four-year colleges, or graduate or law students who have demonstrated an interest in the fields related to tribal public policy, such as criminal justice, cultural preservation and revitalization, education, economic development, health, law natural resources protection and tribal governance.

The highly regarded internship program is intended to provide American Indians and Alaska Natives with an insider's view of the federal government. The internship is located in Washington, D.C. and is known for placing students in extremely competitive internship positions in Senate and House offices, committees, Cabinet departments and the White House, where they are able to observe government decision-making processes firsthand.

Native American Congressional Interns are selected by an independent review committee of nationally recognized Native educators and tribal policy leaders on the basis of academic achievement and a demonstrated commitment to careers in tribal public policy.

Each of the 12 Udall Foundation interns will complete an intensive 10-week internship in summer 2013. Special enrichment activities will provide opportunities to meet with key decision makers.

From 1996 through 2013, 209 American Indian and Alaska Native students from 100 tribes will have participated in the program.

MariKate Hulbutta will be interning in the office of US Senator Martin T. Heinrich.

Hulbutta is an enrolled mem-

ber of the Chickasaw Nation of Oklahoma and is also of Seminole and Muscogee (Creek) descent. She is currently a junior at Columbia University in New York City, where she will graduate with a bachelor's degree in psychology in spring 2014. Hulbutta has been involved with the Native American Council, the Multicultural Recruitment Committee and the Pre-Law Society at Columbia. She also worked as a student intern for the Seminole Nation Cultural Resources Department in Summer 2012.

Upon graduation, Hulbutta plans to attend law school, and hopes to devote her career to advocating for better quality and access to healthcare to help alleviate health disparities among Native Americans in both urban and rural communities.

Other students awarded 2013 Native American Congressional Internships include:

Charisse Arce, Village of Iliamna of Alaska, interning with the US Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs;

Karla Bird, Blackfeet Nation of Montana, interning with the US Department of Education, Office of Indian Education;

Darrell "Tiger" Brown Bull, Jr., Oglala Sioux Tribe of South Dakota, interning with the US House Committee on Natural Resources, Subcommittee on Indian and Alaska Native Affairs;

Nora Cata, Seneca-Cayuga Tribe of Oklahoma, interning in the office of US Senator Tom Udall;

Daniel Hickey, Lac Du Flambeau Band of Lake Superior Chippewa Indians of Wisconsin, interning with the US Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, Majority Office;

Vincent Holguin, Gabrielino-Tongva Tribe of California, interning in the office of US Senator Mark Udall;

Brittany Hunt, Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina, interning in the office of US Senator John McCain;

Thomas Jones, Aleut (Naknek) and Cherokee, interning in the office of US House Representative Raul M. Grijalva;

Kelbie Kennedy, Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma, interning with the US Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, Division of Indian Affairs;

Cara Wallace, Central Council Tlingit and Haida Indian Tribes of Alaska, interning with the US Department of the Interior, Office of the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Indian Affairs;

Byron "Craig" Williams, Jr., Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians, interning with the US Department of Justice, Office of Tribal Justice.

For more information about the Udall Foundation, visit www.udall.gov.



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Seminole tribal students pose for a photograph at the Choctaw Nation Career Expo, held April 3, 2013 in McAlester.

WIA, JOM students visit Choctaw Career Expo

SEMINOLE, Okla. – The Seminole Nation Career Services, Workforce Investment Act and Johnson O'Malley programs traveled to McAlester, Okla. with a group of Native American students on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 to attend the annual Choctaw Nation Career Expo.

139 vendors were on hand at the event, including 30 employers seeking to hire qualified participants. Additionally, 26 companies at the Career Expo had internships available.

Approximately 2,000 people attended the event, including 1,100 high school students.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Career Development (WIA) program, please call (405) 303-2840.

For more information about the Johnson O'Malley program, please call (405) 257-7200.

SN students visit Bacone Preview Day

WEWOKA, Okla. – On Monday, April 22, 2013, 20 tribal students and four chaperones attended the Bacone College Preview Day in Muskogee, Okla.

Students enjoyed a presentation by guest speaker Quinton Roman Nose, President of the National Indian Education Association, and were treated to a traditional dinner. In addition to touring the Bacone campus, students were also given important information on scholarships available to Native Americans.

The event was organized by the Seminole Nation Higher Education program. Staff members A.J. Foster and Clara Keawphalouk joined Dayna Harjo from Wewoka Public Schools and Paula Harvey from Seminole Public Schools in chaperoning the students.

Two students from the group were so impressed by the Preview Day that they chose to enroll at Bacone.

For more information about Bacone College, visit their webpage at www.bacone.edu.

For more information about the Seminole Nation Higher Education Program, call (405) 257-7200.

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Seminole tribal students pose for a photograph on the Bacone campus during Preview Day, held April 22.

Sharpe one of four Rice students to be named 2013 Goldwater Scholar

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Ocese band tribal member and Rice University student Aaron Sharpe was one of just 271 college students across the country to be named a 2013 Goldwater Scholar by the Barry M. Goldwater Scholarship and Excellence in Education Foundation.

Sharpe was selected on the basis of academic merit from a field of more than 1,100 mathematics, science and engineering sophomore and junior students nominated by the faculties of colleges and universities nationwide.

Each honoree receives a one or two-year scholarship to cover academic costs, up to a maximum of \$7,500 per year.

Sharpe, a junior from Oklahoma City, is majoring in physics and math. He is currently studying parallel-plate waveguides for terahertz radiation as a member of Rice Professor Daniel Mittleman's research group in Electrical and Computer Engineering. Sharpe has also worked with Rice Physics Professor Randy Hulet's research group and conducted

physics research at the University of Chicago and at the University of Colorado – Boulder through the National Science Foundation Research Experience for Undergraduates program. This summer Sharpe will study quantum cascade laser wafers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory through Caltech's SURF program. He is a Mellon Mays Undergraduate Research Fellow, winner of Rice's Tom Bonner Book Prize for most outstanding sophomore physics student and recipient of the American Physical Society's Scholarship for Minority Undergraduate Physics Majors.

Sharpe is active in the Rice Native American Student Association and head mentor for the Designing with Rice Engineers program. After receiving his B.S. degree in physics, Sharpe intends to pursue a Ph.D.

"I plan to focus on scientific research, either at a university or a research institution," Sharpe said.

The Goldwater Scholarship is the most prestigious national award for undergraduate students in science and engineering," said Caroline Quenemoen, director of fellowships and undergraduate research at Rice. "Each institution is allowed only four nominees, so it is quite an honor for Rice to have four winners this year. These outstanding students have excelled as a result of dedicated mentors who have challenged them and provided opportunities to present and publish their research."

Aaron is the grandson of Glenn Sharpe, member of the Seminole Nation Gaming Commission and Judicial Committee.



Aaron Sharpe



MariKate Hulbutta



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Justice Lady Warriors basketball team at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee.

Justice Lady Warriors fall short in ORES championship

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The Justice Lady Warriors seventh and eighth grade basketball team made it to the 2013 Organization of Rural Elementary Schools state championship game this year at St. Gregory's University in Shawnee, but came out with a loss to two-time champion, Darlington, 41-31.

The Lady Warriors finished the season 24-5. They started off the season 18-1.

"This girls team did a lot more than anybody thought or expected out of them," said Head Coach Chris Jones.

The Lady Warriors have come a long way. Two years ago, the Lady Warriors made it to the first game

of the playoffs but were beat out. Last year, they made the state quarterfinals, and this year, they made the state finals.

The Lady Warriors lost one player off last year's team, and this year's team will lose 2 players.

Jones says that they have a chance to make one more run at it next year.

The last time the Justice Lady Warriors won a state championship was in 2009.

"The girls worked hard all year, and when it came game time, I knew they were going to give everything they had," said Coach Jones. "They were competitors and found ways to win a lot, and that's what made them successful this year."

McKane attends KIPP in OKC

OKLAHOMA CITY – Tribal member Kaylynn McKane, a fifth grader, was selected this year to attend the Knowledge in Power Program School in Oklahoma City.

KIPP is a college preparatory public charter school with a track record of preparing students in underserved communities for success in college and in life. Over 93 per cent of KIPP Middle School students have graduated high school. 83 per cent of KIPP alumni have gone on to college.

Kaylynn is the daughter of Robert

McKane. Her grandparents are Jerry and Kay McKane.



Kaylynn McKane

Turnbow receives UCO award

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On Sunday, April 21, 2013 tribal member James Turnbow received the Layne and April Perry Legacy Award for student leadership at the University of Central Oklahoma's annual President's Leadership Council Banquet.

Turnbow was given the award for displaying outstanding leadership abilities during the 2012-13 academic year.

A sophomore, Turnbow is studying leadership management at UCO. He is a 2011 graduate of Konawa High School.

Turnbow completed an internship in the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma's Executive Office last summer.

"During my time working in the executive office, I gained a plethora of insight into the way in which our people govern themselves," Turnbow stated in his internship completion essay. "I

hope to one day carry on the fight for the advancement of The Great Seminole Nation of Oklahoma."



James Turnbow

PFC Cloud graduates boot camp

ADA, Okla. – PFC Chad A. Cloud, 19, of Ada graduated from the United States Marine Corps boot camp at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego on Friday, April 12, 2013.

PFC Cloud successfully completed 13 weeks of intensive basic training at MCRD San Diego as one of 76 recruits in Training Platoon 3241, Lima Co. While in recruit training, PFC Cloud achieved the Expert Rifleman award.

Following 10 days home on leave, he will report to Camp Pendleton School of Infantry for a month, and then report to his military occupation specialty location, which is pending at this time.

PFC Cloud is a 2012 Byng High School graduate. He is the son of Mary Lowe of Ada and Chris Cloud of Wewoka. His paternal grandparents are the late Lee and Judy Cloud of Wewoka. Maternal grandparents are Daniel Simmer of Cromwell and the late Lynda Simmer of Ada.

Cloud is a member of the Ocese band and Deer clan.

He has always wanted to be a Marine, and with hard work he has accomplished his goal.

His family is very proud of his success!



PFC Chad A. Cloud

Cravatt passes OK bar exam

OKLAHOMA CITY – Tribal member Kym Cravatt took the Oklahoma Bar Exam on Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27, 2013.

In addition to completing the two days of testing, Cravatt had to pass a Multi-State Professional Responsibility Exam and a Character and Fitness Review by the National Conference of Bar Examiners.

The results were announced on April 5, 2013, and Cravatt was one of nearly 100 law students sworn in to the Oklahoma Bar Association on Tuesday, April 23.

"Anyone who has ever pursued a dream knows the hard work and sacrifice required to make that dream come true," said Cravatt. "My sacrifices and the sacrifices made on my behalf by my family and friends have truly paid off with my admission to the Oklahoma Bar."

"I am honored to join such an esteemed and honored profession, and look forward to a continued career of service to Indian people," she added.



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Travis Brummett reads to Mekusukey Mission Head Start students.

SSC NASA reads to students at Mekusukey Head Start

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On Tuesday, April 16, 2013 members of the Native American Student Association (NASA) at Seminole State College went to the Mekusukey Mission Head Start to read to the children.

SSC NASA President Corey Tiger said that the visit was part of NASA's community service program. All the members of NASA voted and agreed to go read to the children at the Mekusukey Mission Head Start.

President Corey Tiger, Tehina Baxter, Julia Sewell, Travis Brummett and Jennifer Red Hat all read books at the event. Some of the books included: *This is the Sun*, *Penny the Pony's Big Race*,

An Underwater Welcome and *Manners in the Library*.

"It was really fun reading to the children, and they seemed to enjoy it," Sewell stated. "The children interacted with the NASA readers and talked about the books."

Sewell said she would love to do it again.

Jim Wilson and John Bartos serve as faculty sponsors of the NASA group at Seminole State College.

NASA donated books to Seminole Nation Head Start centers this spring, including *Crossing Bok Chitto* by Tim Tingle (Choctaw) to the Mekusukey Mission Center, and *Spider Brings Fire* by Linda Hogan (Chickasaw) to the Konawa Center.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

We want to feature your accomplishments in the next edition of our newspaper

Please submit a photo and short bio with the following info:

names of parents
band + clan affiliation
name of school
future plans
school activities + honors

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Dustin Gray, *Seminole Nation Communications*
Historic Preservation Officer Natalie Harjo (standing, center) discusses clan history at the Gathering of Clans meeting, held Thursday, April 18, 2013 at the Mekusukey Mission North Community Center.

Gathering of Clans draws large crowd

SEMINOLE, Okla. – Additional tables and chairs had to be set up inside the North Community Center to accommodate the large crowd of tribal members at the Gathering of Clans meeting on Thursday evening, April 18, 2013.

The Gathering of Clans meeting was organized by Seminole Nation Historic Preservation Officer Natalie Harjo as an effort to inform and re-educate tribal members on clan relation and kinship, clan status, clan creation stories and other affiliated information.

“Sometimes people feel alone in the world, or they don’t have family,” Harjo said at the April 18 meeting. “You still have your clan family.”

“We’ve gotten away from that, to where, now, people don’t even know what clan they are, or they didn’t even think about it,” she added. “Not that they didn’t care, but it just wasn’t prevalent in their lives.”

While Harjo recognized the need for such a gathering, she was unsure as to how much initial involvement she would have from the tribal community. Events of this nature tend to start small and build gradually, often propelled by word-of-mouth outreach efforts.

With over 50 participants at the first Gathering of Clans meeting, and several others who wanted to attend but had prior obligations like the Constitution Revision Committee meeting at the Council House, which ran concurrently with the Gathering of the Clans event, Harjo is now seeking a larger venue for the next meeting, tentatively scheduled for mid-summer.

For more information about clan relationships and future Gathering of Clans meetings, please contact the Historic Preservation Office at (405) 303-2852.

Pumvhakv Camp coming in June

SEMINOLE, Okla. – The Seminole Nation Pumvhakv Language Immersion Program will be holding free cultural and language camps this summer.

Activities at the camps will include language enrichment, social games, cultural activities and traditional food.

There will be three, four-day camps, separated by age group: June 3-6 for elementary school students, June 24-27 for middle school students and July 15-18 for high school students. Camps will last from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. each day.

Only 20 students will be selected for each camp, so early enrollment is encouraged.

To pick up an application for the Pumvhakv Cultural and Language Camp, stop by the Seminole Nation Language Program Offices located at 2115 Highway 9, Suite E in Seminole.

Campers must arrange for transportation, as it cannot be provided by camp coordinators.

For more information about the Pumvhakv Cultural and Language Camp, please call (405) 584-9375.

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At a potluck dinner recently, my daughter was scanning the table to see what type of food was available.

“Meemee,” she asked, “why are there so many pots of beans?”

As I scanned the table (rather excitedly since I love beans), I noticed there were various pots of red beans, white beans, butter beans, and black-eyed peas available. I told her not to worry about it right now and just get whichever ones she wanted and continue on so we don’t hold up the line.

When we sat down to eat, I noticed she had gotten a portion of each kind of bean. I said, “so you got them all?”

She said, “I don’t like butter beans, Meemee, but I didn’t want to be ungrateful, you know how you told us before that one time?”

After I laughed inside at my constant scolding and “lesson learning” speeches that my children are always hearing, I smiled at her and said, “Good for you! I’m very proud of you!” She smiled sweetly and went on about her eating.

The particular lesson she spoke of refers back to a time that we visited a family as we were passing through the area. The family was far from wealthy, and although they did not have much to eat for themselves, the lady of the house invited us to share with them a dinner of fried potatoes, gravy and biscuits. Growing up as so many of us did, even though we had already eaten, we ate with them and I helped to wash the dishes before we drank coffee and visited, then left.

On the way home, my daughter asked why I made her eat when she was not hungry. I informed her that it was impolite for us to refuse food from someone when we were guests in their home. I explained that for the same reason, this was why she wasn’t allowed to bring in her drink that she had in the car. I told her to think of how she would feel if someone were to come into our house with an ice cream, for example, and how would she feel?

She said, “I’d be really upset, Meemee. I would want ice cream too.”

I said, “If you brought in your soda, don’t you think the kids in that house would want a soda too?”

She said, “Oh...I know what you mean now. So why did we just eat gravy, potatoes and biscuits?”

I told her what grandma always told us when we were growing up.

When we are eating dinner, no matter if we are at home, a friends house, family, church, or even at the stomp ground, often others will bring food to offer for the dinner to make sure there is enough to feed visitors. When they bring this food, it is not required of them; they bring it because they genuinely want to help out. Often, this food may be the only way someone can contribute to a family to show their respect for whatever the reason for the dinner. I told her that sometimes, even if it is just gravy, or bread, or beans, this may be ALL the family can afford to bring, and to turn anything down would be not only ungrateful, but disrespectful. If someone offers the last of their food, or all they have, you should be honored you were invited to share such an important meal, because who knows where the next meal will come from.

Grandma always reminded us that no one is promised tomorrow, so we must rejoice with our loved ones at every opportunity that we were given.

This information seemed to satisfy my daughters’ barrage of questions for the evening, and the lesson was over. You can imagine my surprise that a couple years later, she not only managed to retain the moral of the story—we must always give respect to others when it is merited—but also managed to remind me of something that I needed to remember.

Vseketv, or roughly “to respect”, is becoming a lost tradition of our people.

Those that can attest have witnessed a potluck attendee scoffing at a pot of boiled neck bone and rice, or overheard someone ask “Who made the fry bread?” or my least favorite of all to hear, “I have already eaten, I’m not hungry.” The latter would have been met with a retort from Grandma that would sound something like, “Well you better find room because you aren’t leaving until you eat something!”

Unless you were fasting for prayer, or for elvoweckv at church, or for your diabetes appointment the next morning, there was no way you were leaving that little woman’s house without a full belly. It was a sense of pride for her to be able to feed people, and somehow, there was always enough for all. Simply stated, it made her happy—and I, for one, was not going to be the one to cause my grandma to become unhappy, not for all the chocolate in the world.

Vseketv has a much deeper meaning than simply being polite. Think about it as the combination of a general respect for a beautiful, flowing river and all its glory, and also being mindful that such a grand and wondrous river can also drown a person and take a life if one is not respectful of its power.

This is another example of how and why “it means so much more in the language.”

Even a simple handshake is an example of *Vseketv*. We say “*Em-Vseksv*!” to our children when we tell them to shake a person’s hand. Literally, this means, “Give respect!” Shaking hands still is a common sign of respect for our Seminole people. Such a simple, respectful gesture to acknowledge a person and their presence is slowly being set adrift with many other customs recognized by our people.

As stated many times previous, it will disappear altogether if we forget the reasons for them. We must continue to believe and hand down these customs and traditions to our youth so they will continue as they have, in the minds and hearts of the people.

I am continually amazed at the blessings that have been bestowed upon me in my children. If not for them, I may not have had an opportunity to recollect, or much less be able to pass on these once standard, rules of thumb for our people. On a daily basis, I miss my Grandma so much that it hurts, but I am glad that her teachings are continuing to live through all those that continue to remember and pass them on.

They once belonged to us all, and it is something no one can ever take away from us, unless it is by our own doing.

Yvtat, Hvyowe ohhonayetskat, oren here mahetosce! Mvtooooooooo cekecitosce!



President’s Fiscal Year 2014 Indian Affairs budget focuses on strengthening and supporting Tribal Nations

Request supports Indian Affairs’ mission to serve federally recognized tribes and individual Indian trust beneficiaries.

WASHINGTON, D.C. – President Obama’s fiscal year (FY) 2014 budget request for Indian Affairs, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) and the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE), is \$2.6 billion – a \$31.3 million increase above the FY 2012 enacted level. The proposed budget maintains the President’s commitment to meeting the government’s responsibilities to the 566 federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, while exercising fiscal responsibility and improving government operations and efficiency.

“The President’s budget request for Indian Affairs reflects his firm commitment to keeping our focus on strengthening and supporting tribal nations, and protecting Indian Country,” said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Kevin K. Washburn. “While realizing the benefits from improvements to Indian Affairs program management, the request supports our mission to federally recognized tribes, particularly in the areas of trust lands and natural resource protection. The request also promotes economic development, improves education, and strengthens law enforcement and justice administration.”

Strengthening Tribal Nations Initiative

The Strengthening Tribal Nations Initiative is a comprehensive, multi-year effort to advance the President’s commitments to American Indians and Alaska Natives to improve conditions throughout Indian Country and foster economic opportunities on Indian reservations.

The FY 2014 budget request includes \$120 million in increases for this initiative to support sustainable stewardship and development of natural resources in Indian Country, public safety programs that apply lessons learned from successful law enforcement pilot programs, operations at new and expanded detention facilities, contract support costs to facilitate tribal self-governance, and new and expanded payments for water rights settlements. Additionally, it provides increased funding for post-secondary education and an elementary and secondary school pilot program based on the U.S. Department of Education’s turnaround schools model and concepts.

Advancing Nation-to-Nation Relationships

The FY 2014 budget request for Contract Support Costs is \$231 million – a \$9.8 million increase over the FY 2012 enacted level. The Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act of 1975, as amended, allows federally recognized tribes to operate federally funded programs themselves under contract with the United States – an expression of the federal government’s policy to support tribal self-determination and self-governance. Tribes rely on contract support costs funds to pay the costs of administering and managing contracted programs. It is a top priority for many tribes.

In light of the Supreme Court’s decision in *Salazar v. Ramah Navajo Chapter*, the FY 2014 budget request includes the Administration’s proposed interim solution to budgeting contract support costs. The Administration proposes Congress appropriate contract support costs on a contract

by contract basis and will provide Congress with a contract funding table for incorporation into the Department’s FY 2014 appropriations legislation. Through tribal consultation, this interim step will lead to a long-term solution that will result in a simpler and more streamlined contract support costs process.

Protecting Indian Country

The FY 2014 budget request for BIA Public Safety and Justice programs is \$363.4 million with targeted increases over the 2012 enacted level of \$5.5 million for Law Enforcement Operations, \$13.4 million for Detention Center Operations and \$1.0 million for Tribal Courts.

The request also includes a \$3.0 million programmatic increase in BIA Human Services to address domestic violence in tribal communities. A partnership between BIA Human Services and Law Enforcement will address the needs at tribal locations with high levels of domestic violence. The initiative will improve teamwork between law enforcement and social services to more rapidly address instances of domestic violence, and expand services that help stem domestic violence in Indian Country and care for its victims.

The FY 2014 budget request for Law Enforcement Operations is \$199.7 million, a \$5.5 million programmatic increase over the FY 2012 enacted level. The increased funding for Criminal Investigations and Police Services will enable the BIA to hire additional bureau and tribal law enforcement personnel. The request includes \$96.9 million for Detention Center Operations, a program increase of \$13.4 million over the FY 2012 enacted level. The additional funding for staffing, training and equipment will strengthen BIA and tribal capacity to operate existing and newly constructed detention facilities.

The request also includes \$24.4 million for Tribal Courts, an increase of \$1.0 million above the 2012 enacted level. The funding will be used for judges, prosecutors, public defenders, court clerks, probation officers, juvenile officers, and support staff, as well as for training and related operations and administrative costs for tribal justice systems and Courts of Indian Offenses.

The FY 2014 budget request also supports the BIA’s successful pilot program, launched in 2010, that carries out the President’s Priority Goal of reducing violent crimes by at least five percent within 24 months on four initial reservations. The targeted, intense community safety program successfully reduced violent crime by an average of 35 percent across the four reservations. In 2012, the program was extended to two additional reservations. After a year, the two new sites have experienced an increase in reported crime – a trend similar to that seen at the initial four sites. The BIA will continue to support the efforts of all six programs in 2014 with funding, technical assistance, monitoring and feedback.

Improving Trust Land Management

Taking land into trust is one of the most important functions the Department undertakes on behalf of federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes, whose homelands are essential to their peoples’ health, safety and economic well-being. The BIA’s trust programs assist tribes and individual Indian landowners in the management, development and protec-

tion of trust lands and natural resource assets totaling about 55 million surface acres and 57 million acres of subsurface mineral estates.

In 2012 and 2013, the Department undertook the most substantial overhaul of the federal fee-to-trust process in over half a century. In 2012, Interior placed 37,971 acres of land into trust on behalf of tribes and individual Indians and approved 299 fee-to-trust applications. Over the past four years, Indian Affairs has processed more than 1,000 separate applications and acquired over 196,600 acres of land in trust.

The FY 2014 budget request for the Trust – Natural Resources Management program, which assists tribes in managing, developing and protecting their trust lands and natural resources, is \$189.2 million, a programmatic increase of \$34.4 million over the FY 2012 enacted level. The increases support sustainable stewardship and development of natural resources and will support resource management and decision making in the areas of energy and minerals, climate, oceans, water, rights protection, and endangered and invasive species.

The FY 2014 budget request for Trust – Real Estate Services is \$128.9 million, a programmatic increase of \$7.7 million increase over the FY 2012 enacted level. This program carries out the BIA’s trust services, probate, and land titles and records functions, as well incorporates the Department’s trust reform improvement efforts. The request proposes a \$5.5 million increase to fund authorized activities related to the Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement at \$7.0 million and provides \$1.5 million for litigation support for Indian natural resource trust assets management.

Advancing Indian Education

The FY 2014 budget request for the Bureau of Indian Education of \$802.8 million, a program increase of \$6.7 million above the FY 2012 enacted level, advances the Department’s continuing commitment to the education of American Indians and Alaska Natives from the federally recognized tribes. The Advancing Indian Education initiative addresses the full spectrum of educational needs throughout Indian Country from elementary through post secondary levels and adult education. The 2014 budget supports student academic achievement in BIE schools by initiating a \$15.0 million pilot program to turnaround lower performing elementary and secondary schools, provides \$2.5 million in increased funding to meet the needs of growing enrollment at tribal colleges, and provides \$3.0 million in new funding for a Science Post-Graduate Scholarship Fund. The budget also proposes an additional \$2.0 million for tribal grant support costs.

Achieving Better Results at a Lower Cost

Administrative Cost Savings Over the last few years, Indian Affairs has taken sig-

nificant steps to reduce the administrative costs associated with the wide range of services it delivers. In addition to \$7.1 million in cost-saving measures from information technology standardization and infrastructure consolidations, the FY 2014 budget request includes a reduction of \$19.7 million to reflect anticipated cost savings from streamlining operations. The request also includes \$13.8 million in savings from reductions to contracts, fleet management, awards, and travel.

Indian Arts and Crafts Board The budget proposes to transfer the \$1.3 million funding for the IACB from the Office of the Secretary to Indian Affairs, thereby allowing Indian Affairs to oversee the implementation of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, as amended, which contains both criminal and civil provisions to combat counterfeit activity in the American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts market, and the Board’s management of three museums in the Plains Region dedicated to the promotion, integrity and preservation of authentic American Indian art and culture.

Program Reductions and Eliminations:

- **_Housing Improvement Program** (-\$12.6 million) Eliminates the HIP. Tribes are not precluded from using HUD funding to provide assistance to HIP applicants.
- **_Law Enforcement Special Initiatives** (-\$2.6 million) Reflects decreased participation on collaborative activities such as intelligence sharing.
- **_The Indian Student Equalization Program (ISEP)** (-\$16.5 million) Offsets \$15.0 million for a turnaround school pilot program.
- **_Replacement School Construction** (-\$17.8 million) The construction program will address improving physical conditions of existing school facilities through the Facilities Improvement and Repair program.
- **_The Indian Guaranteed Loan Program** (-\$2.1 million) The funding level of \$5.0 million will guarantee over \$70 million in loans.

Indian Affairs’ responsibility to the federally recognized American Indian and Alaska Native tribes is rooted in Article I, Section 8, of the United States Constitution, as well as in treaties, executive orders, and federal law. It is responsible for the management, development and protection of Indian trust land and natural resources, providing for public safety and justice in Indian Country, and promoting tribal self-determination and self-governance. Through the Bureau of Indian Education, it funds 183 elementary and secondary day and boarding schools, of which two-thirds are tribally operated, located on 64 reservations in 23 states and serving in School Year 2011-2012 a daily average attendance of 41,000 students. It also provides funding to 27 tribal colleges and universities and two tribal technical colleges, operates two post-secondary institutions of higher learning and provides higher education scholarships.

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Nora Bear Lefthand

Funeral services for Nora Bear Lefthand were held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at the Swearingen Funeral Home Chapel in Seminole.

Nora Bear Lefthand passed away Thursday, March 28, 2013 in Seminole. She was 72.

Nora was born May 10, 1940 in Seminole to parents Porter and Venis (Edward) Bear. She grew up in the Little community and attended and graduated from Prairie Valley High School west of Little.

Nora was a longtime cook at the former Seminole Municipal Hospital and a bilingual teacher at Prairie Valley School.

She loved watching the Oklahoma City Thunder and Oklahoma State Cowboys football teams, cooking and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include sons Michael Lance Bear and Sean L. Lefthand, both of Seminole; brothers Ron Bear and Porter Bear, Jr., both of Seminole; sister Dora Haney of Seminole; and grandchildren Ryan Bear, Sheena Bear, Eric Lefthand, Dustin Lefthand, Zachary Lefthand, Kayton Lefthand, Carmyn Lefthand, Ayden Bear and Joe Duello.

Angela Lynn (Harjo) Spencer



Funeral services for Angela Lynn (Harjo) Spencer were held Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Middle Creek Baptist Church #2 in Holdenville with George Harjochee, David Harjo and LeRoy King officiating. Interment followed at the Emarthle Family Cemetery in Konawa. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home of Konawa.

Angela Lynn (Harjo) Spencer passed away Friday, March 29, 2013 at Valley View Regional Hospital in Ada. She was 45.

Angela was born July 31, 1967 in Claremore, Okla. to mother Ema Harjo. She married Maurice Spencer on December 5, 2003 in Seminole. Angela worked as a certified nurse's assistant for the New Horizon Nursing Home in Konawa.

Angela was a member of the Middle Creek Baptist Church #2 and loved cooking for her family. She also loved reading, playing board games and being with her

nephew and nieces.

She is preceded in death by her grandmother Wisey Emarthle.

Survivors include husband Maurice Spencer; son Nicholas Paulson; mother Ema Harjo of Konawa; brothers David Harjo of Lawton and Marcus Harjo of Konawa; and sister Cindy Hudson of Seminole.

Pallbearers included Bill Foster, George Franks, Jeremy Albersen, Michael Hudson, Travis Harjo and Nelvin Hudson.

David Lankford, Tyler Harjo, Jimpsey Factor, Ryan Cloud and Jared Johnson served as honorary pallbearers.

Richy Lee Harjo



Funeral services for Richy Lee Harjo were held Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at High Springs Baptist Church in Konawa with Rev. Jimpsey Harjo and Rev. Houston Tiger officiating. Interment followed at Vamoosa cemetery. Services were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home of Konawa.

Richy Lee Harjo passed away Friday, April 5, 2013 at his home in Wewoka. He was 46.

Richy was born July 16, 1966 in Wewoka to parents Almond James Harjo and Joanna Rose (Wolf) Harjo. He was a life-long resident of Seminole County.

Richy is preceded in death by parents Almond and Joanna Harjo; sister Charlotte Harjo; and nieces Beth Ann Harjo and Tisha Gipson.

Survivors include wife of fifteen years Phyllis Panoske; step-father John Harjo of Ada; aunt Susie Harrison of Konawa; brothers James Harjo of Tonkawa, Okla. and Jeremy "Bear" Harjo of Ada; sisters Jimmie Lou and Johnnie Harjo of Tonkawa, Okla., Tammy Harjo and Anthony Gipson of Oklahoma City, and Juanita and Ronald Gipson of Sasakwa; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Pallbearers included Winfred Harjo, Cory Gipson, Brandon Harjo, Johnnie Harjo, Bryant Panoske and Andy Panoske.

Ronald Gipson, Francisco Porras, Daryl Chisolm, Jonathon Walker, Micah Panoske and Elijah Panoske served as honorary pallbearers.

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Terry Lee Starr



Funeral services for Terry Lee Starr were held Wednesday, April 17, 2013 at Sand Creek Eufaula Baptist Church with Rev. Mitchell Taylor and Rev. Houston Tiger officiating. Services were under the direction of Phillips Funeral Home in Holdenville.

Terry Lee Starr passed away Friday, April 12, 2013 at Holdenville General Hospital. He was 48.

Terry was born April 22, 1964 to Daniel and Nell (Billie) Starr. He attended New Lima High School and was a member of Sand Creek Eufaula Baptist Church. Terry was baptized in October 1992 by Sandy Buckner.

He is preceded in death by father Daniel Starr; brothers David, Danny and Louie Starr; grandparents Eli and Lena Starr and Joe and Louisa Billie; and six aunts and five uncles.

Survivors include companion Elizabeth Tilley; mother Nell Starr of Wewoka; daughters Teresa Starr and Stefanie Starr of Seminole; sisters LaQuita Starr of Konawa and Robin Starr of Duncan; brother Michael Starr of Wewoka; grandsons Dayton and Makyah Maples; nephews John Starr and Matthew Armstrong of Wewoka; great-niece Ania Armstrong; little buddy Tyrann Tilley; great-aunts Naomi Jacobs and Addie Lewis; great uncles Thomas Billie, Sr. and Mitchell Taylor; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Pallbearers included Jeff Powell, Jamie Powell, Bryan Powell, Benny Tiger, Gregory Tiger and Jimmy Tiger.

Michael Starr, Matthew Armstrong, John Starr, John Billie, John Maples, William Phillips, Stanley Johnson II, Shannon Starr, Wallace Cully and James Starr served as honorary pallbearers.

Kayden Paul Tiger-Ambriz

Funeral services for Kayden Paul Tiger-Ambriz were held Saturday, April 20, 2013 at the Tiger Family Cemetery south of Wewoka. Arrangements were under the direction of Swearingen Funeral Home in Seminole.

Kayden Paul Tiger-Ambriz was born and passed away on April 6, 2013 in Yukon, Okla.

Kayden was the infant son of

Zecheriah Aaron Ambriz and Ashley Tiger.

Survivors include grandmothers LeDeana Tiger, Allyson McDaniel and Patricia Ambriz; great-grandfather Tom Jones; grandfather Federico Ambriz; great-grandmothers Rosanna Jones and Shirley McBride; and great-great-grandmother Stella Lena.

Richard Bon Harjo



Funeral services for Richard Bon Harjo were held Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at Spring Baptist Church in Sasakwa with Brother Faron Coody, Rev. Kellos Walker and Brother Frank Moppin officiating. Burial followed at Spring Church Cemetery.

Richard Bon Harjo went home to be with the Lord on Friday, April 26, 2013 at his residence in Sasakwa. He was 81.

He was born April 1, 1932 to parents Babe and Josie Stout Harjo.

Richard worked for SE Incorporated Factory in Wewoka for many years. He had a passion for sports, was an avid Thunder and Sooner fan and watched wrestling. Richard also enjoyed spending time with his family at cookouts, gospel singing and spending time with his grandchildren.

He was a member of Spring Baptist Church in Sasakwa.

Richard is preceded in death by parents Babe and Josie Stout Harjo; brother Leslie Harjo; and sisters Elizabeth Camp, Madeline Harrison and Patsy Wolf.

Survivors include wife Louise Harjo of the home; children Sharon Johnson of Holdenville, Richard Bon Harjo, Jr. of Yukon, Okla., Geraldine Harjo and husband Gene of Shawnee, Gerald Harjo and wife Elaine of Latta, Okla., Ralphalita McIntosh and fiancé Miguel Maldonado of Oklahoma City and Sonya Harjo of Shawnee; 15 grandchildren and numerous adopted grandchildren; siblings Clifford Barnett and wife Sue of Seminole, Winfred Harjo of Ada, Betty McGillbert and husband Wallace of Shiprock, N.M., Shirley Clayton, Anita Lyons and Janie Newby, all of Ada; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers included Jimmy Taylor, Vernon Harjo, Lloyd Harjo, Randy Turner, Gene Harjo and Miguel Maldonado.

Brent Bon Harjo, Brandon Harjo, Jeremy McIntosh, Darrien

McIntosh, Jared McIntosh and J.B. McIntosh served as honorary pallbearers.

Jacob Harjo



Funeral services for Dr. Jacob Harjo were held Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at the Akasvmkv Baptist Church in Wewoka with Pastor Dan Factor and Rev. Kelly Tiger assisting. Burial followed at the Stevens Family Cemetery in Wewoka.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Stout-Phillips Funeral Home.

Dr. Jacob Harjo passed away Friday evening, April 26, 2013 at the Elmwood Manor Nursing Home in Wewoka. He was 81.

Jacob was born February 14, 1932 to parents Johnny Katcv and Rosie Harjo in Wetumka, Okla.

Jacob attended schools in Wetumka: Central, Lone Star School, Euchee Boarding School and Jones Academy. He furthered his education at Chilocco Indian School, Garden City (Kan.) Community College, Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, Okla. and East Central University in Ada. Jacob received a Bachelor's degree in Theology from Oklahoma Baptist University in 1996 and finalized his education with a doctorate.

He served in the Korean War from 1950-52 with the all-Indian Company C of Chiloco, 279th Infantry, Oklahoma 45th Division.

Jacob married Matilda M. (Peggy) Stevens on April 23, 1955 in Arkansas City, Kan. They were both employed by the Bureau of Indian Affairs at Haskell Indian Nations University in Lawrence, Kan., devoting 30 years of their careers to the education of Native American students. Retiring in 1987, they returned home to Wewoka. Both Jacob and Peggy were founding members of the Seminole Nation Historical Society and the Seminole Nation Museum in Wewoka.

Jacob was a member of the Ocese band of the Seminole Nation. He participated in the Alabama Ceremonial Grounds and was a well known traditional healer.

Jacob was once active with the Wewoka Indian Presbyterian and Sand Creek Indian Baptist Churches. At the time of his death, he was a member of the Akasvmkv Baptist Church.

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may be conferred by statute. The appellate and the original jurisdiction of the Supreme Court shall be invoked in the manner provided by law. The decision of the Supreme Court shall be in writing and shall be final.

SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA

TR 2013-52
(as amended)

A TRIBAL RESOLUTION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA APPROVING A BALLOT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE JULY ELECTION AS A SPECIAL REFERENDUM ELECTION TO AMEND THE SEMINOLE NATION CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE V TO ESTABLISH TAXATION

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SEMINOLE NATION COUNCIL ASSEMBLED:

WHEREAS, Article V of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Seminole Nation General Council to have the power to speak or act on behalf of the Nation; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 1

of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Principal Chief to call a special referendum election for the purpose of amending the Seminole Nation Constitution, and it is the desire of the Principal Chief that a special constitutional referendum be included in the July 13, 2013 election; and

WHEREAS, Article XIII, Section 2 of the Seminole Nation Constitution authorizes the Seminole Nation General Council to adopt my majority vote a resolution establishing the time and place of any election to adopt or reject any proposed amendment to the Seminole Nation Constitution; and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation General Council directs the Seminole Nation Election Board to issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose of establishing taxation within the Seminole Nation and to issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013 election; and

WHEREAS, The Seminole Nation BCR requested the Seminole Nation Revision Committee to adopt the following ballot language in order to provide authority for limited taxation within the jurisdiction of Seminole Nation of Oklahoma by amending the Seminole Nation Constitution by establishing the addition of subsection (j) to Article V, Powers of

the General Council as follows;

(j) To establish, levy and collect taxes within the territorial jurisdiction of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma hereby approves and directs (1) that the Seminole Nation Election Board issue a special referendum ballot in accordance with Title 11, Section (h) of the Seminole Nation Code of Laws for the purpose of establishing taxation within the Seminole Nation and to Issue such ballot for the July 13, 2013 election; and (2) that the ballot shall amend the Seminole Nation Constitution by establishing the addition of subsection (j) to Article V, Powers of the General Council as follows:

(j) To establish, levy and collect taxes within the territorial jurisdiction of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

CERTIFICATION

PASSED AND APPROVED by the General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma this 2nd day of March 2013, at Mekuskey Mission, South of Seminole, by a vote of 13 Yes, 12 No, and 3 Abstaining, a quorum of Fifteen (15) Council members being present.

S/Leonard M. Harjo,
Leonard M. Harjo, Principal Chief
Seminole Nation of Oklahoma

ATTEST:

Seal

S/Alvina Wallace
Alvina Wallace, General Council
Secretary
General Council, Seminole Nation of
Oklahoma

QUESTION #3

Taxation Authority

Question: SHALL ARTICLE V — POWER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE SEMINOLE NATION OF OKLAHOMA BE AMENDED TO INCLUDE TAXATION AUTHORITY AS INDICATED AS FOLLOWS:

Amended Article:

ARTICLE V — POWER OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma, subject to any restrictions contained in the Constitution and laws of the United States, shall have the power to speak or act on behalf of the Nation in all matters in which the nation is empowered to act. The General Council shall exercise, subject further to any limitations imposed by this constitution, the following powers:

(1 To establish levy and collect taxes within the territorial jurisdiction of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

SSC education foundation banquet recognizes alumni

SEMINOLE, Okla. — Three former Seminole State College students were inducted into the College's Alumni Hall of Fame at a banquet on Thursday, May 2, 2013 in the Enoch Kelly Haney Center on the SSC campus. The annual event, sponsored by the Seminole State College Educational Foundation, includes recognition of college alumni, students, staff and supporters.

2013 Alumni Hall of Fame inductees were Dr. Tschantre Dorsett, Yariel "Papo" Ramos and Londaryl Perry.

Dr. Dorsett is the attending physician in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Hastings Hospital in Tahlequah, OK. Dorsett is a graduate of Butner High School in Cromwell.

She received her Associate degree in Chemistry from Seminole State College in 1994, followed by a Bachelor's degree in anatomy and Doctorate degree from Parker College of Chiropractic in Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Dorsett received her doctorate of medicine from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 2008.

She is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and American Medical Association and has been awarded the "March Vanderslice Award" and the "Outstanding Resident Teaching Award."

She is a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

Dr. Dorsett, Ramos and Perry joined 56 other former students in the Hall of Fame. Recipients of the honor are selected for their achievements while attending the college and contributions they have made in their professional careers, which bring pride to the institution. Nominations are accepted each year from faculty, staff, members of the SSC Educational Foundation and the public for induction.



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Jacob is preceded in death by parents Johnny Katcv and Rosie Harjo; wife Peggy; sisters Mary Jane Harjo and Cilla Mae Harjo; and nieces and nephews Raymond Johnson, Charles "Jiggs" Johnson, Jakie Mitchell, Jason Mitchell, Quinton Mitchell, Abner Harjo, Charles Johnson IV, Steven Johnson and Deenna Johnson.

Survivors include nieces and nephews Betty Jane Harjo, Janise Harjo, Melissa Harjo, Helen Marie Harjo, Tommy Lee Harjo, Roy Dean Harjo, Alice Harjo, Danny Mitchell, Johnny Mitchell, Judith Mitchell, Anthony Mitchell, Tana Mitchell, Corrine Andrade, Susan Faulkner, Mary Jacobs, Lewis Johnson, Stanley Johnson, Carol Johnson, William Johnson, Timothy Johnson, Matilda Faulkner, Curtis Johnson, Ann Jiffy Borba, Andy Johnson, Cindy Burton, Jodie Hazelton, Victoria Lockett, Tommy Stevens, Molly Stevens, Maxine Stevens, Lou Ann Stevens, Billie Sue Stevens, Mary Stevens and Sandy Stevens; and a host of other relatives and friends.

Special Thanks

The family of Angela Lynn (Harjo) Spencer would like to thank the following churches for their help during the loss of our loved one:

Wewoka Indian Baptist
High Springs Indian Baptist
Cold Springs Indian Baptist
Buckeye Indian Baptist
Middle Creek #2
Seminole Indian Baptist
Vamoosa Baptist

We would also like to thank the Seminole Nation and the following departments:

Roads Program
Executive Office
Lighthorse
Judgment Fund
Social Services

Although there are too many family and friends to list, please know that your care and comfort helped us greatly.

Mvto from the bottom of our hearts.

Sincerely,
The Spencer and Harjo Families

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Assistant Chief Ella Colman (left) and Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo (right) pose for a photograph with Dr. Tschantre Dorsett (left, holding award) and family at Seminole State College during SSC's Alumni Hall of Fame induction banquet on Thursday, May 2, 2013. Dr. Dorsett's daughter, Chyna Chupco (center, front) served as 2011-2012 Little Miss Seminole Nation.



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Participants utilize the disc golf demonstration at the Health Fair

Health fair held at SSC

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The annual Seminole Nation Diabetes Program Health Fair was held Wednesday, April 24, 2013 at the Seminole State College Haney Center.

A total of 123 people participated in the event.

At this year's fair were cooking demonstrations, massage therapists and chiropractors. There were also volunteers from the Gordon Cooper Technology Center performing screenings for blood sugar and blood pressure.

Several Seminole Nation programs set up booths at the health fair. Diabetes Program Exercise Specialist Jerome Harrison conducted a warm-up session in tai chi. The Wildlife, Parks and Recreation department shared about their upcoming disc golf camp in the summer and held a disc throwing competition. Food and Nutrition Services set up a booth to demonstrate healthy eating habits and also sponsored a putting contest on their putting

green.

"We are promoting the consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables," said Food and Nutrition Services Director Tod Robertson. "Also, we are having a putting competition to promote physical activity."

Ron McIntosh, clinical and community dietician at the Wewoka Indian Health Services Clinic, also held a cooking demonstration urging people to use creative recipes to add more vegetables in their diet.

"We are trying to find ways we can eat foods that we enjoy and are familiar with but maybe a little healthier for us," he said.

The Seminole Nation Diabetes program would like to thank Lancer Stephens for serving as master of ceremonies and Ron McIntosh for performing the cooking demonstration. They would also like to thank Chad Noyes at Sodexo Campus Services and Mechell Downey at Seminole State College, as well as the vendors and everyone that donated door prizes.

Varnum’s Zac Self makes Basketball All-State

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Being named to the Oklahoma Coaches’ Association All-State Team is the top honor for a high school student-athlete in the state of Oklahoma. Earlier this week, Zac Self, the 6’4” Senior from Varnum, was crowned All-State in basketball.

He makes only the third boys basketball player from Varnum to earn this top honor. The others-Delaney Pennock who graduated in 2007 and played at Seminole State College, and Brendon Johnson, Self’s former teammate that graduated in 2012.

To be named to All-State is a remarkable feat. To put it into perspective, a committee must choose the top ten players in this half of the State from Class 3A down to Class B. Also, the Western half of the State will do the same. Then, on the last Thursday in July, the East will play the West at Oral Roberts University in Tulsa. Players are chosen based on their abilities, their statistics, their team success; and not just for one year, and their overall career body-of-work (both team success and personal accolades).

During his junior season, known specifically a perimeter player, he averaged 11.6 points, grabbed 6 rebounds per game, and was named to the Conference All-Star Team.

That year (2012) he helped his team to a 25-4 record, claim the LRC Regular Season title, STAR Tournament Championship, District Championship, Regional Championship, Area Championship and an appearance in the State Tournament.

From his junior year to his senior season, Zac showed marked improvement in the Varnum Basketball Program, as he jumped his average up to 22 points (including 80 made 3-point shots) and 11 rebounds per

game for his senior campaign.

This season, in addition to his recent All-State honors, he was named All-Region, All-Conference, an All-Tournament Team selection, and was selected as an Area II (playoffs) Top 5 Players to Watch by Coachesaid.com.

All teams were determined to slow down the Varnum scoring attack by focusing much of their defensive effort on containing Self, and yet, many of his best games this season were against quality competition: he scored a career high in points of 39 vs. Paden, and also had 37 vs. Asher, 34 vs. Preston, and 33 vs. Earlsboro.

He posted 18 double-doubles, 1 triple-double, 2 games with career-highs of 17 rebounds, and also had 10 games in which he scored 25 points or more. “From the time Zac arrived at Varnum, the improvements he made has been the most I’ve seen in a single player in that timeframe. When we lost some key players from last year’s State Tournament team, he adopted his new role as the main scorer with open arms.

He understood that for our team to be highly successful again, he needed to become a more versatile player. That’s just a testament to what kind of player he is; he did that though hard work, dedication, character, and being coachable,” said Coach Jon Hadley.

For his Senior Season, Zac helped the Varnum Whippets accomplish an impressive 20-9 record, Little River Conference Regular Season Championship, District Championship, Regional Runner-up, and a trip to the Area Tournament.

“Zac’s teammates embraced him and his ability to score and do things to help us win. Those kids were all very unselfish and wanted Zac to have the ball a lot to get those chances to score. Zac had good players around him, and they all helped



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Zac Self is the son of Deanne Haney and the late Vince Haney and Shane Self. He is also the grandson of Dwayne and Linda Miller and great-grandson of Charles Homer and Susie Miller. He is a member of the Tom Palmer band and Bear clan.

each other be successful. Zac had several games, too, where he had to do other things other than just scoring to help us win, and he did those at a high-level also,” commented Coach Jon Hadley on the team and Zac’s overall abilities.

As a reflection of Self’s seasons at Varnum, Coach Hadley said, “When you look at the body-of-work, team accomplishments, and the career of this kid here at Varnum, all the accolades and the All-State

selection are much deserved honors.

Zac knows how to compete, win, and what it takes to accomplish things. We won 45 games and multiple championships in the past two seasons during his time at Varnum and he played a big role in that.

He’s a great teammate, he’s coachable, and a positive leader. More importantly, and above all of his basketball accomplishments, he is a good student, and a good citizen, and I love coaching kids like that.”

CAPT Buchanan appointed ODSC director at IHS

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Seminole Nation of Oklahoma tribal member CAPT Chris Buchanan was recently appointed as Director of the Office of Direct Services and Contracting Tribes for the Indian Health Service.

A division of the Department of Health and Human Services, IHS is the principal federal health care provider and health care advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native people.

As ODSC director, CAPT Buchanan is responsible for a wide range of agency functions critical to the working partnership between IHS and the 566 federally recognized tribes located in the United States. CAPT Buchanan’s responsibilities include policy development concerning Title I Indian Self-Determination contracting and the integration of newly recognized tribes into the IHS system. He will provide oversight to ensure that requirements for tribal consultation are met.

Prior to his selection as ODSC director, CAPT Buchanan served as the ODSC deputy director and administrative officer of clinical services for the Chickasaw Nation’s Division of Health in Ada, Okla. He was also an environmental health officer in the United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps, with over 20 years of active duty.

CAPT Buchanan began his IHS career in 1993 and has served in various environmental health officer positions in the Phoenix, Albuquerque and Oklahoma City areas.

He served as the Administrative Officer for the Lawton Indian Hospital and was Chief Executive Officer for the Haskell

Health Center.

CAPT Buchanan has been appointed to several national IHS workgroups, completed two fellowships and has been deployed to several natural disaster events.

He has received several professional awards, including the National Council of Chief Executive Officer’s Rookie of the Year.

CAPT Buchanan earned a Bachelor of Science degree in environmental health and a Master of Public Health degree in health policy and administration from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He and his wife Leigh have three children – Caleb, Connor and Brooke Taylor.



CAPT Chris Buchanan



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Chief Leonard M. Harjo claps as Thomas Harjo, Jr. receives his plaque for 20 years of service.

HASNOK honors Harjo for 20 years of service

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On Friday, April 12, 2013 the Seminole Nation Housing Authority recognized Housing Inspector Thomas Harjo, Jr. for his 20 years of service to the organization.

He was given a hammer plaque with a beaded handle.

HASNOK board member Cheri Hardeman and Principal Chief Leonard M. Harjo shared their appreciation for his service.

“We are so thankful he is working with us,” said Hardeman. “He’s a great asset to our company.”

“We hope you stay with us quite a bit longer. Don’t retire on us,” added Chief Harjo.

HASNOK also planned a surprise luncheon for Thomas Harjo, Jr. Buddy Wood and the HASNOK maintenance crew tried

hard not to spoil the surprise and kept it from Harjo the morning of the luncheon.

HASNOK Director Kay Rhoads and the HASNOK maintenance crew also recognized Harjo for his service and presented him with cards and gifts.

“We appreciate you,” said Wood. “You have made a significant difference here at the Housing Authority [with] all the inspection and maintenance you have done,” said Rhoads. “We appreciate you bringing quality work to the Housing Authority, and we expect you to be here another 20 years.”

Thomas Harjo, Jr. shared his appreciation for everyone and thanked the Housing Authority for his award.

Harjo said that he hasn’t received an award since his school days.

“This award means a lot to me,” he said.